SUBJECT No. 149.

Preservation of revenue records.

(*a*) Mr. M. Venkataramaiya, Manjarabad Taluk.

(*b*) Mr. K. Krishnachar, Seringapatam Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) Under the existing rules for the sorting of records *namthabdil* lists are not shown under lists of records to be permanently preserved. Since these pertain to changes of khates, it is necessary that they should be permanently preserved. It is prayed that orders may be issued in the matter.

(*b*) As the destruction of *namthabdil* and patta transfer records after 12 years causes hardship to the public when reference has to be sought, they may be preserved for 30 years.

Reply of Government.—No change is necessary. The preservation of these records will take up too much space. The results of the proceedings are entered in the *varga vargi* register and *phoutitakhta*. Parties desirous of referring to these records should obtain authenticated copies before they are destroyed.

SUBJECT No. 150.

Facilities for kumri cultivation.

Mr. A. Narasimhiengar, Sagar Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The facilities shown to kumri cultivators to make them inhabit the thinly populated regions in the malnad have been successful to a great extent. It has however to be pointed out that the allowance of Rs. 5 for seeds for three acres is very small considering the present high prices. The allotment under this head may be increased so as to cover the cost of the seeds. The kumries are allowed to hold the lands granted to them free of assessment for three years. As this period is insufficient to bring the lands to a good condition, it may be extended to five years. It is also prayed that the facilities now shown in this respect to kumries alone may be shown to others similarly desirous of carrying on kumri cultivation.

Reply of Government.—Will be considered.

SUBJECT NO. 151.

Supply of cheap firewood to ryots.

Mr. T. Narasinga Rao, North Mysore Native Planters' Association, Chikmagalur.

Summary of discussion.—The ryots may be supplied with cheap firewood in order that they may make use of cow dung as manure only.

Reply of Government.—The matter is under consideration by the Revenue Commissioner. His proposals are awaited and will be considered in connection with the scheme of village forests.

SUBJECT No. 152.

Hot weather supply for sugar-cane and other cultivation.

Messrs. H. Krishna Sastri, Yalakkigowda and Soma Setty, Krishnarajpete Taluk; Mr. K. Krishnachar, Seringapatam Taluk.

Summary of discussion. —Lately the supply of water in channels during the hot weather has been stopped. Water is practically allowed only for one harvest. This tends to the deterioration of lands. Water may therefore be ordered to be supplied during the hot weather for sugar-cane and other cultivation. The Ashtagram Sub-Division was noted for its sugar-cane, but it has been steadily deteriorating as water is not given regularly from the channels. According to a longstanding arrangement